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1. Fifteen thousand Muslims were moved from the Patna area into West Bengal to create a Muslim League voting majority in that area, which is now predominantly Hindu. The refugee camp at Asanol, a former U.S. ammunition area, is being used to accommodate families.
2. Sarat Chandra Bose is starting a movement to partition Bengal into Hindu and Muslim areas which will diminish Pakistan's claim to the entire Bengal area. Gandhi does not support Bose in this movement.
3. Suhrawarddy, Premier of Bengal, is interested in a so called "Greater Bengal". He insists on a separate Bengali culture but an undivided area. This plan includes Eastern Bihar, Northwest Orissa and the Akyab area. This would enclose all the Bengali speaking areas. The chief disadvantage to the Muslim League would be the creation of a large Hindu majority. It is thought that Suhrawarddy knows that this would be a Hindu area but does not realize the full significance. Some Congress leaders actively support this plan.
4. Suhrawarddy sent fifty thousand Muslims into the Assam valley. They were forced to leave after the Assam Premier took the problem to the Central Government which decided in the latter's favor. Suhrawarddy wanted to make a trip to Assam to investigate but the Assam Premier threatened him with arrest if he did so. Muslims were escorted to the border of Bengal by force.

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